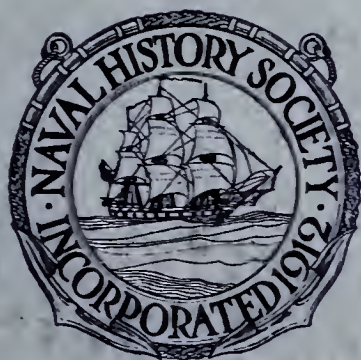


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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE NAVAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
That Charles Francis Adams, of Massachusetts; James Barnes, of New York; Willard H. Brownson, of the District of Columbia; French E. Chadwick, of Rhode Island; William C. Church, of New York; George Dewey, of the District of Columbia; Henry A. du Pont, of Delaware; Loyall Farragut, of New York; Caspar F. Goodrich, of Connecticut; Charles T. Harbeck, of New York; Grenville Kane, of New York; Stephen B. Luce, of Rhode Island; John F. Meigs, of Pennsylvania; Robert W. Neeser, of New York; Herbert L. Satterlee, of New York; Charles H. Stockton, of the District of Columbia; Charles W. Stewart, of the District of Columbia; Robert M. Thompson, of New York; Richard Wainwright, of the District of Columbia; John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts, and their associates and successors, be, and they are hereby, incorporated and made a body politic and corporate in the District of Columbia, by the name of "The Naval History Society"; and by that name may sue or be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court of law or equity, and may have and use a common seal, and change the same at pleasure, and be entitled to use and exercise all the powers, rights, and privileges incidental to fraternal and benevolent corporations within the District of Columbia.

SEC. 2. That the object of such corporation shall be to discover and procure data, manuscripts, writings, and whatever may relate to naval history, science, and art, and the surroundings and experience of seamen in general and of

American seamen in particular, and to preserve same by publication or otherwise; and to acquire, establish, or maintain in the city of Washington or elsewhere, for the use of its members and others, a house or rooms having a library, reading room, and such other appurtenances and belongings as may be desired.

SEC. 3. That said corporation may adopt a constitution and by-laws, and shall have power to amend the same at pleasure: *Provided*, That they do not conflict with the Constitution and laws of the United States.

SEC. 4. That said corporation shall have the right to hold meetings at any place in the United States, but annual meetings for the election of officers shall be held in the city of Washington, where the principal office of said corporation shall be.

SEC. 5. That the said corporation shall have the power to take and hold, by gift, grant, purchase, or devise, real and personal property not exceeding in value five hundred thousand dollars, which shall not be divided among the members of the corporation, but shall be used and administered as a trust for the purposes of the corporation, and so far as unexpended transmitted to their successors for the further promotion of such purposes.

SEC. 6. That the government of such corporation shall be vested in a board of eleven managers, to be elected by the members of such corporation, and the corporation shall have such officers as its constitution and by-laws may prescribe. The incorporators herein named, or a majority of them, shall act as the board of managers until their successors in office are chosen at the first meeting of the Society after the passage of this Act.

SEC. 7. That this charter shall be subject to alteration, amendment, or repeal at the pleasure of the Congress of the United States.

SEC. 8. That this Act shall take effect immediately on its passage.

Approved, August 21, 1912.

BY - LAWS

ADOPTED DECEMBER, 1912

SECTION 1. The *Society* shall be composed of members, life members and honorary members.

SEC. 2. The *Annual Dues* for members shall be five dollars. Members who are two years in arrears in their dues may be dropped from the list of members by the Board of Managers after timely notice.

SEC. 3. The *Fee* for life members shall be one hundred dollars.

SEC. 4. Except by special vote of the Board of Managers, the number of Americans elected as *Honorary Members* shall not exceed ten, exclusive of the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Navy, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy and the Admiral of the Navy, who shall be honorary members *ex-officio*.

SEC. 5. Special *Gifts* may be received. The Board of Managers, in acknowledgment, may, at its discretion, characterize the givers as patrons or benefactors, with the full rights of membership. Benefactors shall have the right to dispose of their membership by gift or bequest.

SEC. 6. The *Officers* of the Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Board of Managers, to be elected for one year at the annual meeting of the Society by the members present. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by one person.

SEC. 7. The *Board of Managers* shall consist of twelve members, including the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, who shall be members of the Board of Managers *ex-officio*.

SEC. 8. If a *Vacancy* occurs among the officers of the Society, or in the Board of Managers, the latter shall appoint a member of the Society to fill the office vacated during the unexpired term of his predecessor. Five members shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Managers.

SEC. 9. The *Annual Meeting* of the Society shall be held in the rooms of the Society, or at such other place in the city of Washington as the President may designate, on such a day in the month of December of each year as the Executive Committee may appoint. Members of all classes may vote at annual meetings by duly executed proxy.

SEC. 10. *Special Meetings* of the Society may be held after ten (10) days' notice of time and place, upon the call of the Board of Managers or by the Secretary upon the written request of twenty members. The objects of a special meeting must be stated in the call and the business confined to those objects.

SEC. 11. The *President* and *Vice-President* shall perform the usual duties of their respective offices.

SEC. 12. The *Secretary* shall keep the records and correspondence of the Society, issue the necessary notices, and until provision is made for a Librarian, he shall act in that capacity.

SEC. 13. The *Treasurer* shall keep the accounts of the Society, receive and receipt for all dues and gifts and, under the direction of the Board of Managers, make all necessary investments and expenditures; and to this purpose, he is empowered, in his official capacity, to sign checks and vouchers and draw on the funds which the Society may have on deposit. The fiscal year shall begin on the first day of November.

SEC. 14. The *Accounts* of the Treasurer shall be audited by a committee of members appointed for that purpose by the President. No member of the Board of Managers shall be eligible for duty on the Auditing Committee, which shall present its report at the annual meeting of the Society in December.

SEC. 15. The *Board of Managers* shall have charge of the financial and other affairs of the Society. It shall meet from time to time, as necessary.

SEC. 16. An *Executive Committee* shall be appointed by the President from the members of the Board of Managers,

to serve for the year ending on the thirty-first of December on which date the terms of office of the Officers and Managers shall expire. The Executive Committee shall consist of five members, including the President and the Secretary, who shall be members *ex-officio*.

SEC. 17. There shall be a *Nominating Committee*, appointed by the President at least one month before the annual meeting, whose duty it shall be to nominate the officers and managers for the coming year; this list of nominations shall be sent by the Secretary to all members, for their vote and approval in case they are not able to be present at the annual meeting. Members shall be at liberty to make independent nominations.

SEC. 18. The Board of Managers shall have the power to select for *Publication* any material embraced within the scope of the objects of the Society, to print the same in such form and numbers, as may in their judgment be appropriate, and at such time as may be expedient. They shall fix the price to be paid for each copy by non-members, but every member, whose dues are paid for the current year, shall be entitled to one copy of each publication.

SEC. 19. The *Executive Committee* shall have all the powers of the Board of Managers when the latter are not in session. The minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee shall be laid before the Board of Managers at the regular meetings.

SEC. 20. These *By-Laws* may be amended, at any annual meeting, or at a meeting specially called for the purpose. Proposed amendments are to be submitted to the Board of Managers through the Secretary at least thirty days before the meeting at which they are to be voted on.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

DECEMBER 17, 1914

The third annual meeting of The Naval History Society, Incorporated, was, under the terms of the Act of Incorporation, held in the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, in the rooms of the Library of the Navy Department, on Thursday afternoon, December 17th, 1914, at four o'clock.

The following members and invited guests were present: The Assistant Secretary of the Navy; Mr. Charles Francis Adams; Rear Admiral W. H. Brownson, U.S.N.; Hon. Frank W. Hackett; Mr. Gaillard Hunt, of the Library of Congress; Dr. J. Franklin Jameson; Rear Admiral C. F. Goodrich, U.S.N.; Rear Admiral T. F. Jewell, U.S.N.; Mr. Waldo G. Leland; Dr. Charles O. Paulin; Mr. Robert W. Neeser; Mr. Leete; Rear Admiral S. A. Staunton, U.S.N.; Mr. Charles W. Stewart; Mr. C. A. Schwann; Rear Admiral C. H. Stockton, U.S.N.; Rear Admiral C. E. Vreeland, U.S.N.; Captain Oliver, U.S.N.

In the absence of Admiral Davis, the meeting was called to order by Admiral Stockton, who opened the meeting as Chairman of the meeting with the following address:

"The President of the Society being absent, I have been asked to preside over this annual meeting of the Naval History Society. As a person who has been deeply interested, if not an active participant, I congratulate the Society upon its success during the last year. We have now at the disposition of the Society, placed definitely, the Fox papers, which covered the period of the Civil War when Fox was Assistant Secretary, and when he was in the habit of writing a great many semi-official letters that kept him in touch with the service, which preserves much of interest outside of the ordinary collections of the Department.

"Then, too, the news that the De Grasse papers had been found in Paris in the Naval Office, comes to us with especial interest. British historians have said that once British forces were in touch with the sea, their safety was assured.

That was not the case with Cornwallis at Yorktown. De-Grasse was between him and the sea—and the final complete surrender of Cornwallis marks probably one of the most important eras in our Revolutionary War. So everything connected with it—papers, letters, documents, etc.—will be of great importance, and I look forward to their development by this Society as a matter of great consequence, of very great interest.”

As printed copies of the minutes of the last meeting had previously been sent to each member of the Society, the motion was made, seconded, and carried, to dispense with the readings of the minutes, after which the Secretary's and Treasurer's annual reports were read and accepted.

The meeting then proceeded to elect the officers for the coming year, and the following nominations made by the Nominating Committee and previously submitted to the members of the Society for their consideration were then read:

For President, Rear Admiral Caspar F. Goodrich, U.S.N.

For Vice-President, Mr. Robert M. Thompson.

For Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Robert W. Neeser.

For Members of the Board of Managers:

Mr. James Barnes,

Rear Admiral F. E. Chadwick, U.S.N.,

Rear Admiral C. H. Davis, U.S.N.,

Mr. Henry O. Havemeyer,

Mr. Grenville Kane,

Mr. William S. Lloyd,

Mr. Herbert L. Satterlee.

Rear Admiral C. H. Stockton, U.S.N.

And there being none other offered, the Secretary was instructed to cast a ballot for the aforesaid gentlemen as President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and Members of the Board of Managers.

Admiral Goodrich then took the Chair, and made the following remarks:

"I thank you very much, gentlemen, for the honor that has been conferred on me with this very important office. I am extremely sorry that our retiring President is not here in person to speak for himself. Fortunately, I am able to assure you that although quite ill recently, he is now on the mend. I had the pleasure of seeing him a few hours ago and he begged me to present his compliments and his regards to the members of the Society and hoped that they would overlook the fact of his being absent.

"I see that by the program, I am expected to say something, and it occurred to me that perhaps the origin of this Society might be of interest to its members, and as I was in the thick of the matter from the beginning, I perhaps may bore you by giving you a slight review of the incident that led to the forming of the Society.

"There had been for a long time a general feeling that the work of the Navy and also of the Merchant Marine, which in times past had done so much for the national honor and for the national prosperity, had not received that attention which it deserved. Also that a great deal of most useful material was being lost that ought to be available to the student of history, and we were encouraged by the success of the Navy Records Society of Great Britain, which has now been in existence for a number of years and has just brought out its forty-seventh volume, many of them of great interest and value. While, of course, there was a great deal of talk on one side or the other only (I think I am right) in the Spring of 1908, I realized that as Commandant of the Navy Yard at New York, and therefore, as a friend of mine expressed it, 'Ambassador of the Navy to New York,' that I was in a direct position to focus this vague talk and change it into positive action. I conferred with a number of gentlemen who held the views that I did, and above all, I felt that nothing could be done satisfactorily, or indeed properly, unless the active sympathy of the late Captain 'Jack' Barnes was enlisted. I had several talks with him and I found he was very well disposed toward the project and promised to do all he could to further its views. With that assurance, I took upon myself to invite a number of gentlemen to meet me at the New York Yacht Club one evening.

Captain Barnes was there, and that dear old man Henry Erben was there, our present Assistant Secretary of the Navy was there, Captain Dunn, and a few others. We talked the matter over of forming a campaign to acquaint ourselves with the opportunity of doing good work for the Navy and the Merchant Marine. Following that, was a meeting, held at his invitation, at the house of Captain Barnes, and at that meeting were Colonel Thompson, Mr. Satterlee, Mr. Farragut, and a number of men in New York, and it was decided we would really form a Naval History Society.

"As far as the past history is concerned, you are very familiar with it, and I think you may all look upon the record with a great deal of satisfaction. Upon the extremely fortunate suggestion of Mr. Satterlee we secured the active cooperation of Mr. Neeser. I may say that the Society fully appreciates the obligation to him for his industry, zeal, capacity, without which I think the 'Child' would not have grown to its present vigorous strength.

"We have done very well in the past, but, of course, something more remains to be done in the future. I may perhaps be permitted to voice the sentiment that our Merchant Marine may not escape some attention on our part. Days were when the Navy and the Merchant Marine were almost interchangeable; men passed from one to the other with great facility. Both are responsible for the good name that the country has borne in the estimation of all the people. I feel certain that a good deal of very important material relating to the development of the Merchant Marine will come into our hands if the Committee will let it be known that such matters will be received. On account of the very intimate relation that existed between the Navy and Merchant Marine in the olden days, I think we should encourage that sentiment.

"Admiral Davis asked me to again call attention to the great desirability, when the time shall favor, for acquiring, as he expressed it, a local habitation and home. I can understand that present conditions make the immediate outlook rather poor. Let us hope, however, that the suggestion of Mr. Adams at the last annual meeting will be taken up, and

try to find that gentleman of big purse and impulses who will give us the wherewithal to put up a proper building or secure rooms which are large enough and fire-proof enough to warrant moving all our valuable records into them.

"I think that is about the only thing that I would like to present to you; the one which Admiral Davis asked me to bring to your notice which, of course, is the means with which to put up that greatly desired building; also that we may not overlook our brothers of the Merchant Service. Being a descendant of a family of the Merchant Service, it may be that I am a little more interested in this last matter than the majority of us here present.

"May I ask that some member of the Society propose a formal vote of thanks to the retiring President, which I am sure he will appreciate very much."

The motion being made and seconded, it was unanimously Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended to Rear Admiral Charles Henry Davis, U. S. N., our retiring President, for his interest and earnest efforts in behalf of the work of this Society, and that the well wishes of the Society be sent to him by the Secretary for his speedy recovery from the illness which now keeps him from our midst.

The Assistant Secretary of the Navy, being introduced, addressed the gentlemen present as follows:

"Mr. President: I think I can speak in a dual capacity. As you mentioned, I attended the first meeting and acted as Secretary of the first meeting at the New York Yacht Club. Since I have been down here, we have made efforts to obtain from Congress authorization to start work on the publication by the Government of the War of 1812 records.

"As you know, the so-called Rebellion Record, which has been mis-named, is drawing to a close. There are only the index volumes to be completed. When that work is over, we hope very much that Congress will continue the appropriation so that the Department can go ahead with the publication of the records of other wars so that gradually we will have in published form all the official documents made from the beginning of the Colonial States in time of war.

"Last year Congress did not give an additional appropriation to that work. We have a small fund to start the work of Revolutionary Records that is divided between the War Department and this Department, and we have started to find out, with this fund, for that is all it will do, what these Revolutionary Records consist of. Most of them are scattered over the various States, the majority being, I believe, in Massachusetts and North Carolina. When we get this work completed and find what the records consist of, we will then be able to ask Congress more definitely for money to continue the publication of these records. Personally, I have tried down here in my official capacity to do all that we could to continue the work of rebinding and putting into proper shape the records owned by the Department now in the Library of the Navy Department. Many of the old copies of letters have been rebound and put into good shape.

"In the matter of the Society, I may be pardoned if I revert to my hobby, which is a building. Of course, I recognize the excellent work that has been done in continuing the publications. We have an enormous field in that work and we can continue for probably many hundreds of volumes to bring before the public manuscripts and data which otherwise they could not have, and to place them in permanent form. That, however, is only a part of the work.

"I was very much impressed the other day when I was in Boston by a visit to the Marine Museum in the Old State House. That Museum is an object lesson. They have a most interesting collection of naval relics of various kinds and of relics relating to the Merchant Marine. I found out from Mr. Longfellow (with whom I visited the Museum and who is known probably to all of us here) that it is becoming very well known all over the vicinity of Boston that the Marine Museum exists. Merely as a result of that knowledge of its existence, they are getting from sources they had no idea existed, all sorts of material for use. The collection is being added to practically without expense to the Society. They are already crammed, I think, for room. They have, of course, in this collection, many duplicates, and it is bound to be the case that as they receive acquisitions of material, duplicates will increase. I think this Society should take steps to get in touch with the other societies or organi-

zations that have collections with a view in the future to exchanging any duplicates which we may have. I may be going ahead a little too far. We have a very small collection at the present time, mostly of papers. On the other hand, we have the opportunity to acquire a great deal more.

"I should like to see a small fund of this Society started to amount, if possible, to \$500 or a \$1,000 a year. I have no doubt that with this fund we can save from the burning a great deal of material that comes up from time to time. Years when material may not be offered, the fund would not be spent but would accumulate and used in following years. For instance, at the present time, a few people have been told, there is on the market an extremely valuable collection of Naval material, consisting of autograph letters, a number of valuable engravings, some of them unique, I think, of portraits of Naval officers and the fleet.

"As to the building, most of us who are here today were here last year. I think the Committee on the Building can do nothing but report progress. How far that progress goes is best not to inquire. I think that one thing that Mr. Adams has contributed to very greatly is in telling people about our lack of a building. If we can get people all over who may possibly help us interested in the Society and get them to realize that we need a building, it might drop out of the sky and surprise us all.

"Also, I think that steps should be taken by the Society to send a circular of some kind to every officer connected with the service, on the active and on the retired list, to tell these officers that the Society is in a position at present to accept and wishes to accept any gifts of memorabilia relating to the Navy. I have been surprised in going around in the service to find how few of the officers knew about the Naval History Society. I was talking to an officer last summer who had in his possession material of great historical value relating to the Mexican War. He didn't know what he was going to do with it as he had no children. I told him about the Society and he had never heard about it. That material will, I think, come eventually to the Society. I think a letter of that kind would do good; perhaps not immediately, but results would tell in the end. I do not think, personally,

there is very much hope of getting help from Congress for a building; when we do get a building, Washington is the place to put it.

“I hope that progress will continue as excellent as it has been during the last year. Of course, you all know my personal very deep interest in it. I can only say that I believe that out of that meeting six or seven years ago, quite an important organization, important nationally, has already come into existence and that that organization is not in a moribund state in any way, and I predict a very great future for the Society.”

The regular order of business of the meeting having been concluded, and there being no further matters to be considered, a discussion followed on the various questions raised.



REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

FOR THE YEAR 1914

I have the honor of submitting the following report of the affairs of this Society for the year just drawing to a close.

Upon the whole, it has been a most satisfactory year. The good work of the previous seasons has been continued, and marked progress has been made in every branch of our activities.

The membership, as in previous years, has steadily increased. We now have four honorary members, one benefactor, one patron, forty life members, two hundred and ninety-nine annual subscribers, and four exchange members, making a total of three hundred and forty-nine members of all classes, as compared with two hundred and ninety-one last year, our loss in members through death during the past twelve months having amounted to nine.

In its publications, the Society is to be congratulated in having been able to issue such volumes as the two containing the *Out-Letters of the Continental Marine Committee and Board of Admiralty, 1778-1780*, which were edited by Dr. Charles Oscar Paullin. These two volumes were issued as volumes 4 and 5 of the Society's publications and distributed to the members on their 1913 and 1914 subscriptions respectively.

With regard to its future publications, the Society is also rich in materials. The papers relating to the Cruises of Gustavus Conyngham in European waters in 1777 and 1778, are about ready for the printer. The despatches of Admiral Graves, edited by Rear Admiral F. E. Chadwick, are in preparation. And a third volume to contain a most interesting and historical collection of American Naval Songs and Ballads is about to be prepared by Rear Admiral Davis and Mr. Robert W. Neeser.

But perhaps the most important event in the past year has been the discovery in the Archives of the French Ministry of Marine, of the papers, despatches, orders and records of

Admiral De Grasse, who commanded the French Fleet in the Yorktown Campaign of our Revolutionary War. Since the date of their writing, their existence has been practically unknown, even to French Naval historians. Mr. Lacour-Gayet, who wrote a history of the Navy of Louis XVI., never was able to locate them. But by diligent search, undertaken on the order of the Minister of Marine, upon the solicitation of the Secretary of the Society, and through the kind assistance of Mr. Charles de La Ronciere, who is now engaged in writing a history of the French Navy, the lost records were found—the logbooks of all of De Grasse's ships, the despatches received from the Admiral and the letter-book of orders issued to him from Paris. These documents are now being transcribed by the French Government for the Society, and will be included in the volume of the Graves despatches which Admiral Chadwick is editing for the Society's series of publications. Thus for the first time will an accurate record be available of the campaign that secured for the struggling colonies their independence.

In gifts received, the Society has been exceptionally fortunate during the past few months. Thanks to the interest, industry and unflagging endeavors of Colonel Thompson and of Admiral Wainwright, the Society has become the possessor of the private papers and official correspondence of Gustavus V. Fox, Assistant Secretary of the Navy under Gideon Welles' administration. With the acquisition of these papers goes the right to publish them, under certain restrictions, and the Society is to be congratulated on the great opportunity that has thus been granted to it to render so signal a service to historical knowledge as the publication of these letters. It is indeed fitting that the thanks of the Society be voted to those who have been instrumental in bringing about the release of this historical treasure.

From Mr. Poultney Bigelow, the Society received last Spring some drawings of battleships made by the German Emperor. The sheets are about 24 inches by 12 inches, and show six different studies of prospective war vessels, beneath which is written in the Emperor's hand: "The Iron-clad of the Future as designed by William, German Emperor, King of Prussia, I. R., Neues Palais, November,

1891." The material on which the sketches are made is blotting paper, on which can be seen the Emperor's autograph as signed to a letter to his "A sa Majesté le Roi d'Italie." There are also some designs for ships' figure-heads.

To Miss Macauley the thanks of the Society are due for her generous gift of the papers of Admiral E. Y. Macauley. This interesting collection is a free gift to the Society, and comprises a beautifully illustrated journal of the cruise of the Perry Japan Expedition, a seamanship and gunnery journal, several letter-books, and a number of excellent Civil War photographs.

Mr. Henry M. Cowles, of Farmington, Conn., has also presented to our collections a private journal kept by Alexander Gallop on board the frigate Brandywine and the schooner Dolphin in 1827, which contains many references of unusual interest to the ship-board life of the days of sail. Mr. Francis B. Allen very kindly sent a copy of the pamphlet on "John Fitch, the first to invent and successfully apply steam propulsion of vessels through water," published by the Admiral Bunce Section of the Navy League of the United States. And Colonel Thompson last Spring generously presented to the Society a set of prints of vessels of the Navy of 1812.

I regret that some of the excellent suggestions made at the last annual meeting still remain unfulfilled. My absence in Vera Cruz during the last Spring and Summer is alone to blame. The opportunity, however, still offers, and will be taken advantage of without fail during the year which is about to begin.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1913-1914

November 1st, 1914.

To the Officers and Members of the Society:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor of submitting the following report for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1914:

INCOME FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1913-1914

Cash balance on hand November 1, 1913.....	\$1,631.65
From annual dues.....	1,492.88
From life membership fees.....	800.00
By sale of publications.....	280.11
By interest on investments.....	347.92
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	\$4,552.56

EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1913-1914

To printing, binding, etc., Vol. 4 of publications...	\$1,683.30
To De Vinne Press—publication slips for Vol. 5 publications	6.50
To postage and expressage.....	91.53
To printing reports, lists, notices, etc.....	179.50
To stationery	28.18
To typewriting	22.78
To transcripts for Volume 5.....	44.40
“ “ “ 7 (De Grasse papers) ..	80.00
“ “ “ 8 (Naval Songs).....	30.00
To cost of indexing Vols. 4 and 5.....	65.00
To rent of safe deposit box.....	5.00
To exchange on out-of-town checks.....	4.05
To investments	511.06
To brokerage on investments.....	1.00
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	\$2,752.30
Cash balance in the Guaranty Trust Co.....	1,800.26
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	\$4,552.56

BALANCE SHEET OF THE NAVAL HISTORY SOCIETY

OCTOBER 31, 1914

ASSETS

ENDOWMENT FUND

\$1,000 Kansas, Colorado and Pacific Ry. 6% 1963
1,000 P. Lorillard Co. 5% 1951
1,000 Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co. 5% 1951
1,000 U. S. Steel Corporation II 5% 1963
1,000 Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific RR. 4% 2002
1,000 Public Service Corporation of New Jersey 6%
1,000 Erie Railroad Co. 4% 1996
500 Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul RR. 4½% 1932
At market value.....\$ 6,140.00

CURRENT ASSETS

Dues receivable..... 95.00

UNSOLD PUBLICATIONS

485 copies of publications (Vols. 1-5) @
\$5.00 each 2,425.00

CASH ON HAND

With the Guaranty Trust Company of New
York 1,800.26

\$10,460.26

LIABILITIES

To cost of printing, binding, etc., Vol. 5 of
publications (De Vinne Press).....\$ 1,836.05

Very respectfully,

ROBERT W. NEESER,
Treasurer.

COLLECTIONS OF THE NAVAL HISTORY
SOCIETY

The letters and papers of Captain Henry A. Wise, U. S. N., 1861-1864.

The papers of John Ericsson.*

The private and public papers and correspondence of Gustavus V. Fox, Assistant Secretary of the Navy during the Civil War under Gideon Welles.*

The papers of Rear Admiral E. Y. Macauley, U. S. N., including his journal of the Perry Expedition to Japan in 1853 (illustrated in colors).*

The Journal of Alexander Gallop on board the U. S. S. Frigate *Brandywine* and Schooner *Dolphin*, October 19, 1827—October 9, 1829.*

Transcripts from the British Admiralty (London) of the Out Letters, Secret Letters, Orders and Instructions issued by the Admiralty to Admirals Shulldham and Graves on the North American Station, 1774-1776. Two volumes.*

Transcripts from the British Admiralty (London) of the Out Letters, Secret Letters, Orders and Instructions issued by the Admiralty to Admiral Thomas Graves, R. N., on the North American Station, 1781, and extracts from the logs of ships in his fleet.

Transcripts from the Archives de la Marine (Paris) of the logs of the *Pluton*, *Languedoc* and *Le Citoyen* (July 16-Sept. 20, 1781), ships in the fleet of Admiral De Grasse during the operations which culminated in the Fall of Yorktown. Three volumes.

* The collections marked with an (*) are deposited with the division of Manuscripts of the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

PUBLICATIONS

ISSUED BY THE SOCIETY

For 1910—Volume I—*The Logs of the Serapis, Alliance, Ariel, Under the Command of John Paul Jones, 1778-1780.* Edited by John S. Barnes.

For 1911—Volume II—*The Narrative of Nathaniel Fanning, an Officer of the Revolutionary Navy.* Edited by John S. Barnes.

For 1912—Volume III—*The Despatches of Molyneux Shuldham, Vice-Admiral of the Blue and Commander in Chief of His Britannic Majesty's Ships in North America, January-July 1776.* Edited by Robert W. Neeser.

For 1913—Volume IV—*The Out-Letters of the Continental Marine Committee and Board of Admiralty, 1776-1780.* Volume I, Edited by Dr. Charles Oscar Paullin.

For 1914—Volume V—*The Out-Letters of the Continental Marine Committee and Board of Admiralty, 1776-1780.* Volume II, Edited by Dr. Charles Oscar Paullin.

For 1915—Volume VI—*Letters and Papers relating to the Cruises of Gustavus Conyngham, a Captain of the Continental Navy, 1777-1779.* Edited by Robert W. Neeser.

In Preparation: *The Despatches of Admiral Thomas Graves, R. N., and American Naval Songs and Ballads.*



